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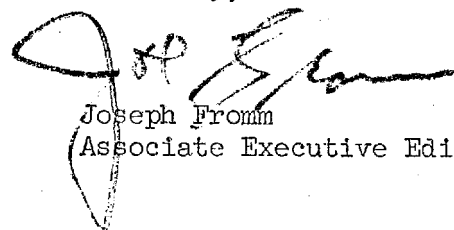
October 17, 1974

Mr. Angus Thuermer
Assistant for the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Angus:

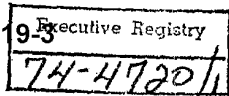
As you will see from the enclosed copy of a letter, we would like very much to set up an interview with Mr. Colby in order to try to clear the air in the controversy over the need for an intelligence organization in contemporary America. I tried to reach you to discuss the project but found you were on vacation. I do want to make sure, however, that I don't cross wires there and hope very much that you will throw your considerable weight behind this proposal. I think that it would offer an exceptional opportunity to put this very confused picture into some perspective in circumstances that would guarantee accuracy.

Sincerely,



Joseph Fromm
Associate Executive Editor

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October 10, 1974

Mr. William Colby
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

I was glad to hear the other day when I returned from London that you found my article on the CIA in the September 16 issue of U.S. News & World Report a fair and balanced presentation of an exceedingly controversial situation.

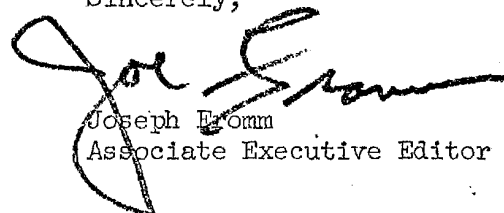
Now I would like to propose a project that I think would contribute a great deal to a more realistic and intelligent understanding of the role of the CIA, its contribution to American security and the peculiar problems of operating a foreign intelligence organization in the current political climate in this country.

What I have in mind is one of our major interviews. This would offer you an opportunity to answer the questions that are widely being asked about your organization with full confidence that your views would be presented accurately. We would conduct the interview in our conference room--which is appropriately "bugged" for the purpose. The final, edited version would be submitted to you for any corrections that you wished to make. The interview would be published in the form finally approved by you.

I do hope that you will find it possible to accept this proposal and that we can arrange to schedule the interview session at an early date. I look forward to hearing from you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,


Joseph Fromm
Associate Executive Editor

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